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Becky Loncosky
Catoclin Mountain Park
6602 Foxville Road
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Subject: Final White-Tailed Deer Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement
Catoclin Mountain Park, Frederick and Washington Counties, Maryland. CEQ No
20080499

Dear Ms. Loncosky:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the subject document. The purpose of the EIS is to develop a deer management plan that supports forest regeneration, and provides for long-term protection, conservation and restoration of native species and cultural landscapes. EPA rated the DEIS as Lack of Objections (LO).

The FEIS identifies Alternative C, direct reduction of the deer herd by sharpshooting and by capture and euthanasia of individual deer. Based on the information provided in the FEIS, we have no objection to this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Okorn at (215)814-3330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Arguto", is written over a horizontal line.

for William Arguto,
NEPA Team Leader